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First Congressional District of New York

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Acting Assistant Secretary Naz Durakoğlu
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Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Durakoglu,

Thank you for your response following my questioning of Secretary Blinken during the June 7th House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing and my subsequent letter regarding the Biden administration's decision to sanction Sali Berisha.

In your response, you stated that Mr. Berisha was involved in "significant corruption" during his tenure as Prime Minister of Albania, which "involved the misappropriation of public funds and interference with public processes..."

Given that Mr. Berisha left his position as Prime Minister in 2013, during the Obama-Biden administration, I am requesting a written response and meeting with the appropriate State Department official to discuss in depth and review any new intel describing "significant corruption", and the process the Department of State used that led to these sanctions eight years and two US presidential administrations later.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Lee Zeldin
Member of Congress